



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5894**

LCO No. 2607



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:

REP. MORRIS, 140th Dist.

REP. SANTIAGO, 84th Dist.

**AN ACT INCREASING THE AVAILABILITY OF LICENSED MEDICAL INTERPRETERS FOR LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY PATIENTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That section 19a-490i of the general statutes be amended to require
- 2 on-site medical interpreters for any acute-care hospital with not less
- 3 than five per cent of the population residing in the geographic area
- 4 served by the hospital having a primary language other than English
- 5 and any adverse events reported for patients with a primary language
- 6 other than English.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require acute-care hospitals with a certain population to have on-site medical interpreters.